

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 139

Introduced by Assembly Member Oller

March 2, 2000

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 139—Relative to the John C. Begovich Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 139, as introduced, Oller. John C. Begovich Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 49, as prescribed, as the John C. Begovich Memorial Highway. The measure request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this designation and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, John C. Begovich was born on January 17,
2 1916, in Jackson Gate, California; the son of immigrant
3 parents from Trebinje, Yugoslavia; and

4 WHEREAS, John Begovich graduated from Sutter
5 Creek High School and attended Sacramento Junior
6 College and was a champion athlete at both institutions;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In January, 1942, he answered the call to
9 duty of his country and enlisted in the United States Army
10 where he rose to the rank of second lieutenant and earned

1 13 decorations, including the silver star, the bronze star,
2 and three purple hearts; and

3 WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge from the
4 Army in 1945, John Begovich returned to Amador County
5 and was selected to be the county Veterans Service
6 Officer and County Civil Defense Director; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1949, he married the former Lorraine
8 Love, and in 1950, the couple became the proud parents
9 of their son, John C. Begovich, Jr.; and

10 WHEREAS, John Begovich continued his career of
11 public service when, in 1955, he was appointed judge in
12 the Amador County Judicial District while retaining his
13 position as Veterans Service Officer; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1960, John Begovich was elected as
15 Senator from the 9th Senatorial District serving Amador
16 and El Dorado Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, He was an active and productive legislator
18 working on numerous issues important to his constituents
19 and the state, including the bistate park system within the
20 Tahoe Basin, highway improvements, the creation of a
21 second department of the Superior Court for El Dorado
22 County, and a \$250,000,000 veterans bill; and

23 WHEREAS, After serving as Senator, in 1976, John
24 Begovich was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson
25 as one of four United States Federal Marshals in the State
26 of California, serving in that capacity until 1970; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1976, John Begovich was elected
28 Supervisor of District 1, Amador County, where he made
29 care of the elderly residents of the county one of his
30 primary concerns; and

31 WHEREAS, His dedication to Amador County and its
32 citizens was rewarded by his reelection as supervisor in
33 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1992;

34 WHEREAS, John C. Begovich died on November 2,
35 1999, after faithfully serving the citizens of Amador
36 County, the State of California, and the United States of
37 America, and it is therefore appropriate that State
38 Highway Route 49, from the southern city limit of the
39 City of Jackson to the intersection of State Highway Route

1 88, be dedicated to this tireless public servant; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
4 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby
5 dedicates State Highway Route 49, from the southern city
6 limit of the City of Jackson to the intersection of State
7 Highway Route 88, in the memory of John C. Begovich,
8 who served the people of Amador County so well; and be
9 it further

10 *Resolved,* That State Highway Route 49, from the
11 southern city limit of the City of Jackson to the
12 intersection of State Highway Route 88, be officially
13 designated as the “John C. Begovich Memorial
14 Highway”; and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is
16 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
17 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
18 for the state highway system, showing this special
19 designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate
20 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques
21 and markers; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the assembly transmit
23 copies of this resolution to the Department of
24 Transportation and to the author for appropriate
25 distribution.

